

## Edward Livingston to Andrew Jackson, October 12, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### EDWARD LIVINGSTON TO JACKSON.

Private

Paris, October 12, 1834.

*My Dear General,* This letter will find you returned to the seat of Government, I *hope* with improved health and I know, with your usual determination to sacrifice it in the public service as often as occasion may seem to require it. If the accounts I receiv[e] from home may be relied on the general prosperity of the Country and the result of the arduous struggle in which you have been engaged are such as must have the happiest effect on your mind and give you both spirits and health: while they disarm opposition of its power to harrass you, And alarm the nation by false predictions of Distress. Never were poor prospects so completely contradicted by Events. For ever may such be fate of those who predict evil to our Country, for ever may those who like you Devote themselves to its service, like you, have the firmness to crush Corruption and protect the Constitution from its attacks.

I have just returned from the Mineral Waters of Savoy, with my health improved, but not quite reestablished. I have a strange fever which seizes me every eight or nine Days, prostrates my strength for 24. hours, but leaves me until its next return in perfect health. During my absence the public service has not suffered for the City has been entirely deserted by the Ministers of the crown, and all the Diplomatic Corps. They are slowly returning, the Minister for foreign Affairs has not yet returned; and when they have all

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come back, Nothing can be anticipated for our Concerns until the chambers meet. My opinions therefore on that subject as expressed in my public despatches and in my private letters remain unchanged.

On my return from Savoy I passed through Switzerland and Wertenberg and Baden in Germany and was agreeably surprized with the appearance of ease and comfort exhibited by the inhabitants, and the high state of improvement in the Cultivation of the Lands. Switzerland is a country that must be seen to have any adequate Idea of its natural beauties, and of the general and nearly equal distribution of wealth among its inhabitants. they are however becoming too numerous for the contracted limits of their Country and are daily furnishing ours with Emigrants of the most useful description. A market is opening there and in the German States particularly those on the Rhine for some of our most important exports which if Duely attended to by our Government can not fail of producing important Effects on our Commerce and agriculture.

Mrs. Livingston and my Daughter request to be mentioned in the most respectful and affectionate terms to you and to Mr. and Mrs. Donelson

I am my Dear General Your Affectionate and Devoted Friend